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The Honorable Mayor Sharpe James
Mayor's Office
920 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Mayor James,

For the past seven years, I have produced and directed every ethnic parade in the city of Newark. I see these parades as a way to celebrate our diversity and appreciate our differences which is particularly important as we move forward towards a Newark that will be a wonderful place to live and responsive to all our needs.

On May 28, 1989, I directed the Black Heritage Day Parade. Professionally, I was disappointed and as an African-American embarrassed. I do not see how our great heritage and people can be served by such a poorly produced parade.

In my attempts to find out information about the parade, I was told to contact the Newark Planning Board. I was assured by someone in that office that this parade was to be a spectacular event and that I would receive a written rundown. Neither of which happened.

Mr. Mayor, I believe in this city and my people and have devoted a great deal of my life to these beliefs. I am certain we can put together a better parade.

I applaud you for your efforts in creating a better Newark and I certainly do not blame you for the Black Heritage Day Parade. I just hope that you can use your influence to impact on this so we do not have to suffer through this again.

Sincerely yours,



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